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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to attend the change of command ceremony and press conference on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. Media must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. to allow for parking. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. on the Camp Mabry parade field. Interviews will begin immediately thereafter.

Members of the media must RSVP no later than Friday, January 11, by 12:00 p.m. with the TMD Public Affairs Office at ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil or 512-782-5620.

MEDIA ADVISORY: Change of Command Ceremony for Adjutant General of Texas this Saturday

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

AUSTIN, Texas (January 8, 2019) – On Saturday, January 12, 2019, Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris will take command of the Texas Military Department from Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols. The change of command ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the Camp Mabry parade field. Maj. Gen. Norris will be available for a limited number of interviews immediately thereafter, during which she will take questions from members of the media in attendance.

In December 2018, Gov. Greg Abbott appointed Maj. Gen. Norris as the new Adjutant General of Texas, effective January 1, 2019, after Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols announced his retirement in late November. Maj. Gen. Norris is the first female Adjutant General in Texas history. The change of command ceremony is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility from one commanding officer to another.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Office of the Executive Director (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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